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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GE, GW

SUBJECT: TRANSIT TRAFFIC AND THE LOEWE EXPULSION

REF: BONN 21601; BONN 21566

1. DEPT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY VIEW THAT ALLIES SHOULD  
PROTEST TO SOVIETS AGAINST DECEMBER 22-23 DELAYS BY GDR  
OFFICIALS OF BERLIN TRANSIT TRAFFIC. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD  
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BE UNWISE FOR ALLIES NOT TO REACT TO THIS INCIDENT WHICH,  
HOWEVER BRIEF, WAS APPARENT ARBITRARY ACTION BY GDR TO  
UNDERLINE ITS DISPLEASURE WITH FRG JOURNALIST LOEWE,  
DIVORCED FROM ANY CLAIM OF MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES.

2. WE BELIEVE A LOW-KEY ALLIED PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS

IN BERLIN WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE OUR POINT WITHOUT  
RUNNING COUNTER TO APPARENT FRG WISH NOT TO DRAMATIZE THE  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DELAYS.

3. ASSUMING ALLIED PROTEST ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO  
BONN GROUP, DEPT IS FLEXIBLE ON WHETHER IT SHOULD BE MADE  
IMMEDIATELY OR AFTER FRG RAISES ISSUE IN TRANSIT COMMISSION.

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